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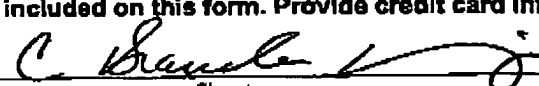
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Applicant(s): Eddie Lane Smitherman						
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U.S. Serial No. 10/699,421)

Filed: October 31, 2003)

For: TREE TRIMMER)

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action mailed July 25, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

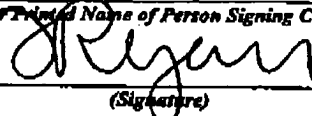
Proposed Amendments to the Specification begin of page 2 of this paper.

Proposed Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Proposed Amendments to the Drawings are reflected in the drawings showing changes and replacement sheets attached at the end of this paper.

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